

A G E N D A



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 43**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with ARCH CHEMICALS, Smyrna, GA for the purchase of calcium hypochlorite in an estimated amount not to exceed \$286,800, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$96,500 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$576,300.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$8,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining thirty-five months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No Subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of calcium hypochlorite and the maintenance and cleaning of all chlorinating dispensers for the City's public swimming pools. Each pool has chlorinating dispenser system, which assists in cleaning pools.

Maintenance and cleaning of the chlorinating dispensers will be performed approximately two times for 10 different pools over a five month period with the delivery of calcium hypochlorite to each pool site. This service will include the testing of total water chemistry, checking and adjusting the automated controllers, and inspection of the pump room for any needed repairs. This contract will provide the necessary chemicals and services to ensure that the City's public swimming pools are maintained as required by State law. MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Fifteen notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for these products. Two bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 15% increase to the last contract award in November 2006. This increase can be attributed to the rise in transportation costs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received. Arch Chemicals is the current supplier of these products.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Parks and Recreation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.